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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, et seq., including specifically subsections (g) and (h) thereof, Applicant(s) call to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449(modified). Copies of the references listed in Form PTO-1449 are provided for the Examiner's review and entry in the record herein, except for references previously submitted to or cited by the Office in a prior application.

- ☒ This application relies, under 35 USC § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/527,629, filed on March 17, 2000 and, under 35 USC § 119, on the earlier filing date of U.K. Patent application Serial No. 0006377.6, filed March 17, 2000 and of U.K. Patent application Serial No. 0019413.4, filed August 8, 2000.

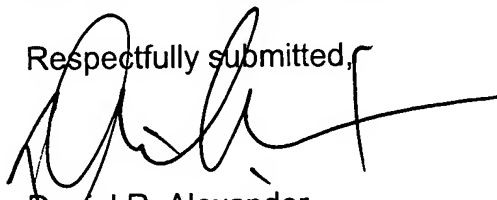
- ☒ The relevance of the non-English language references listed on Form PTO-1449, is submitted on the basis of:

- ☒ the accompanying English language abstract, and/or  
☒ the accompanying GB Search Report.  
☒ the accompanying International Search Reports (PCT publication WO 00/15085, PCT application PCT/GB 01/01119).  
☐ the following concise explanation.

It is Applicant's belief that no fee is necessary, however, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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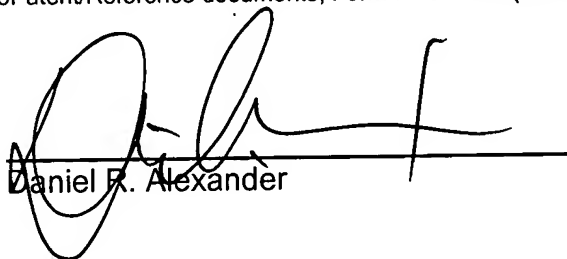
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